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UNITED NATIONS, DEC. 16 (UPI) -- THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY SAID TUESDAY THE WORLD ORGANIZATION HAS NOT DONE AS MUCH AS IT SHOULD HAVE IN AN ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THE CRISIS IN ANGOLA.

"WE CANNOT WASH OUR HANDS OF IT," GASTON E. THORN OF LUXEMBOURG SAID. BUT HE STRESSED THE NEED FOR CAUTION AND SAID MANY U.N. MEMBERS DID NOT WANT TO LEAVE THEMSELVES OPEN TO CHARGES OF PRACTICING NEOCOLONIALISM IN AFRICA.

"PERHAPS THE UNITED NATIONS COULD HAVE STRESSED MORE THAN IT DID ITS DESIRE TO HAVE THE (ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY) AS A MATTER OF AGENCY TAKE UP THE PROBLEM," HE ADDED.

"THE U.N. HAS NOT DONE ALL THAT IT SHOULD HAVE DONE" ON THE PROBLEM, HE TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE CALLED TO SUM UP HIS VIEWS ON THE CURRENT ASSEMBLY SESSION, WHICH IS DUE TO END WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY.

THE PROBLEM OF ANGOLA AROSE BRIEFLY LAST WEEK WHEN SEVERAL AFRICAN NATIONS ASKED THE ASSEMBLY TO CONDEMN SOUTH AFRICAN INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA, THE AFRICAN NATION THAT BECAME INDEPENDENT OF PORTUGAL LAST MONTH.

U.S. AMBASSADOR DANIEL P. MOYNIHAN CHARGED THAT SOVIET AID TO ONE ACTION IN THE ANGOLAN CIVIL WAR WAS AN ATTEMPT TO "RECOLONIZE" AFRICA AND THE POSTING OF THOUSANDS OF CUBAN TROOPS IN THE TERRITORY WAS PART OF THAT ATTEMPT.

THORN SAID HE FELT THE OAU SHOULD BE IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE EFFORT TO END THE WAR IN ANGOLA BUT SAID THE ISSUE MIGHT BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL LATER.

HE SAID HE THOUGHT THE 30TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT "WAS THE SHOALS IT WAS ABLE TO AVOID AND THE SHIPWRECKS IT WAS ABLE TO EVADE" IN NOT GETTING BOGGED DOWN IN DEBATES ON KOREA, VIETNAM, THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, ISRAEL AND SOUTH AFRICA.

HE REPEATED HIS OPPOSITION, IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRIME MINISTER OF LUXEMBOURG, TO THE ASSEMBLY'S RESOLUTION EQUATING ZIONISM WITH RACISM. HE ADDED, "I DON'T BELIEVE ONE SHOULD EXAGGERATE OR DRAMATIZE THAT QUESTION."

"I THINK THAT DISCUSSION AND VOTE PROVED THAT A WORLD ASSEMBLY SHOULD REFRAIN FROM VOTING ON A MATTER WHEN IT IS UNSURE HOW IT IS VOTING AND ON WHAT," HE ADDED.

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